

KING ALFONSO'S CORONATION.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PRESENTED.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the American Special Envoy, the First of Foreign Envoys to the Rejoice-Grand Banquet Tonight to Be Held Next Tuesday.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, May 15.—The exercises in connection with the coronation of the 17th of King Alfonso are proceeding.

Today the young King and the Queen received the special Ministers appointed by various foreign governments to attend the coronation services. Large numbers awaited the train bringing the Duke of Connaught, the representative of Great Britain and the other foreign Princes.

A noteworthy fact in connection with the reception was that Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the American special envoy, was the first of the foreign envoys to be received by the king.

He drove to the palace in a royal automobile, attended by the Marquis of Villaverde.

A guard of honor was drawn up in the courtyard to receive him. He was ushered into the royal reception hall, in company with Secretary Simkins, immediately after the Duke of Connaught and the other foreign Princes.

King Alfonso and Queen Regent Christina welcomed Dr. Curry in a most cordial manner.

The King wore the dark blue uniform of a naval cadet. The Queen Regent was dressed in a silver gray costume, which contrasted strikingly with the gorgeous uniforms and robes of the courtiers and ladies.

The King is as tall as his mother. He is alert, affable and self-possessed, despite his Jewish appearance and features. Dr. Curry handed his Majesty the following letter from President Roosevelt:

GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND: In the name of the United States of America, I desire to present my sincere congratulations on the occasion of your Majesty's coronation, and to assure you of our friendship and good wishes for the welfare of your Majesty and your Majesty's people. I trust your life may be long and happy, and that your reign may be one of peace and prosperity.

I pray God may have you in his safe and holy keeping. Your good friend, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

In delivering the letter to the King, Dr. Curry made a short speech, the terms of which had been approved by President Roosevelt before the mission left Washington.

King Alfonso, when the President's letter was handed to him, smiled and said in English: "I am glad to see you. You were here when I was born."

The British, Russian and other envoys arrived by a royal train at half-past six, half an hour late.

There was a grand banquet at the Palace Royal to-night.

There will be a bull fight on Tuesday, admission to which will be by special invitation. The seating capacity of the arena is about 15,000. Requests for ten times that number of seats have already been made. The Spanish Government will act as host and pay all expenses of the foreign missions.

RIVAL TO STEAMSHIP TRUST.

Members of Parliament Promise \$5,000,000 as Nucleus of New Line.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 15.—The Parliamentary members of the British and Foreign Mercantile Marine Association, who are the nucleus of a new line of steamships, have today announced that they will ask the great British exporters to lend themselves to patronize these vessels, and will try to obtain Post Office and Admiralty subsidies.

Lord Charles Beresford, M. P., advanced Government support of such steamships.

TO COMBINE ANTIWATER LINES?

A despatch from Brussels to the Telegraph says that delegates representing J. Pierpont Morgan are negotiating for the incorporation of all the shipping lines plying between Antwerp and Central and South American ports into an oceanic trust.

MANCHESTER CANAL DEAL.

With a View to Running Steamships Direct to Manchester to New York.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LIVERPOOL, May 15.—The Evening Express says Mr. Morgan, through his representatives, has been seen and is negotiating with several companies who use the Manchester Ship Canal, with a view to running steamships direct from Manchester to New York, Boston and other American ports.

The scheme involves the construction of cotton steamships.

ZOLA DENIES LE ROUX'S STORY.

Heavily Signed an Appeal for Pardon. Never Admitted Guilt.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, May 15.—M. Zola has written a letter to the *Aurora* in reference to the statements made at the trial by M. Hugues Le Roux that Zola had changed his opinion regarding the guilt of Captain Dreyfus.

"I am bound to break silence to give M. Hugues Le Roux a most formal denial. Never has Alfred Dreyfus signed an appeal for pardon, never has he admitted that he was guilty even of a questionable act, today I affirm his complete innocence."

MASTER OF KING'S MOTOR CARS.

King Edward Creates a New Office in His Household.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 15.—King Edward has now accumulated quite a collection of motor machines, and it has become necessary to create a new household appointment. To Mr. Graham White has been offered the honorable post of "Master of the King's Motor Cars," which carries with it the distinction of driving the King and supervising all the motor arrangements. A nominal salary is attached, but the post is really one of honor.

PICKPOCKETS ON THE CURB.

Two Youths Arrested and Two Get Away in the Rush of Messenger Boys.

The curb brokers on Broad street have complained lately that their pockets had been picked by boys who mingle in the crowd on the pretence of being messengers.

Yesterday Detective Sergeant Armstrong, Reedy and Foy were sent to the district to hunt for the pickpockets. While they were mingling with the brokers, Larry Rogers, the private detective in the employ of the curb traders, saw two boys get inside a black-bearded man, and sign their hands into his pocket. Rogers slipped to Reedy and the two followed the boys around the corner.

In the meantime Armstrong and Foy were watching two other boys. One of them told the broker to be on his guard as there were pickpockets in the crowd.

"Well," he said, "if they get away from here with any money they'll certainly be lucky."

The boys were followed by Reedy and Rogers until they reached a doorway. The detectives saw one show a watch to his companion. They recognized the detectives and the lad with the watch dashed into the lobby of an office building. He succeeded in getting away. The other was caught.

The two boys whom Armstrong and Foy were watching ran toward Wall street with the two men in pursuit. Many of the brokers in the chase while half a hundred messenger boys started to rise in every section of the floor.

The two boys were caught before they reached the curb. One of them said he was Arthur Rose, 17 years old, living with his mother at 54 East Ninth street. The other said he was employed by him for a while, but was discharged for stealing.

The second prisoner described himself as Abraham Katz, 20 years old, a messenger, living at 12 West 12th street. At the Allen street address the detectives found a man acting as janitor who said that the prisoner was his son. Mr. Katz said that he had served a term in the House of Refuge.

The prisoners will be arraigned in the Centre street police court today.

\$8,000 VERDICT FOR SLANDER.

Aged Banker Must Pay That Sum for Shooting at an Editor.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 15.—Edward E. Bogert, an editor of this city, got a verdict of \$8,000 and all costs to-day against Lawrence Meyers, a millionaire banker.

The case has been in the courts for seven years, but today was its first trial. Bogert showed that Meyers, angry over an article which criticized him for not degrading his bank during a celebration, had stood in the street and shouted at Bogert.

"I sent postage stamps, chief, two-cent postage stamps!"

Meyers in the stand, despite his eighty-four years, cried out:

"If I had been hard-hearted enough, I should have put a bullet through your heart then and if I had the strength, I would do so now."

FOODY HELPS HARLEY RAID.

Between Them, They Arrest Three Men Out of 125 in an Alleged Raid.

Inspector Harkins with three of his detectives and Capt. Foody of the West Thirtieth street station raided an alleged pool room at 400 East 12th street yesterday afternoon. They found 125 men in the place, several of whom were arrested.

Three men were arrested, Laurence Carroll, who said he was a laborer, living at 218 West Twenty-third street, blocked the door of the room, and was arrested.

Philip Rabinowitz, who has a shirt waist factory at 100 East Broadway, paid a new bookkeeper, David Harkins, of 241 Cherry street, in charge of the payroll on May 2.

Some days later, Rabinowitz received a package containing Rabinowitz's old clothes and a card reading: "Sorry, but I need no more."

He was arrested last night, waiting for a suit of clothes that his friends had sent him. He was arrested when he was packed up at the Madison street station. He remarked that he was glad to find a new suit of clothes in his life.

JOE RICKY SUES.

Wants \$8,555 Profit Out of His Mineral Water Partner.

Joe Ricky, whose name is indelibly associated with a mineral water, has today filed a suit in the New York court against his partner in the mineral water business, Frank F. Huntington, for a dissolution of the partnership and an accounting. He wants \$8,555 profit.

Mr. Huntington says that he paid \$25,000 to carry on the business at 11 West Twenty-fifth street, and that Huntington will owe him \$15,000.

Want Col. Pike on the State Ticket.

The friends of Col. Norman S. Pike of Brooklyn have started a movement in favor of his nomination in the second place on the State ticket this fall. They place that David C. Thomas L. Wood, who is not looking for another nomination, is said to have accepted the nomination when he was removed to Chicago last fall. Failing to land the nomination, he is said to have changed his mind and to have accepted the nomination.

\$1,000 for the Skene Sanatorium.

Mrs. Henry K. Skene has donated \$1,000 for the endowment of a bed in the Skene Sanatorium in Brooklyn in memory of her husband, Mrs. A. J. Skene, a son of Dr. Henry K. Skene, a former member of the New York State Assembly.

There is a movement to incorporate the \$25,000 mortgage on the property.

Sale of the Philadelphia "Record."

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—The Philadelphia Record property was sold at public auction today for \$2,500,000, of that amount \$2,000,000 was paid for 9,500 shares of the Record Publishing Company, and \$500,000 for 5,000 shares of the Record Publishing Company.

The Record Publishing Company, which carries with it the distinction of driving the King and supervising all the motor arrangements. A nominal salary is attached, but the post is really one of honor.

Part of Dutch Can Goes Down.

RECHMOND, Va., May 15.—A schooner grounded along the bank of James river below Richmond last night and was wrecked. The schooner had been taken into the river and was being towed by a tugboat. The tugboat was unable to pull the schooner out of the river and it was abandoned.

\$120,000 Fire in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, May 15.—Early tonight a fire gutted the planters' supply store of W. A. Case & Son. The loss is \$120,000.

Death of Prof. George Selwail.

LONDON, May 15.—Prof. George Selwail, a distinguished translator, is dead.

NATIONAL STRIKE IN SWEDEN.

DEMONSTRATION IN BEHALF OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

It Will Last Only Three Days, and It Meant to Show What the People Expected if Popular Demand Is Frustrated—All Branches of Industry Paralyzed.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

STOCKHOLM, May 15.—An unusual situation prevails in this country. All the workmen in Sweden were ordered to strike as a demonstration for universal suffrage, and without exception they have complied.

The result is that work has ceased everywhere. There is no traffic or business of any kind and the newspapers are not being printed.

The garrisons in all the chief cities of Sweden have been reinforced, especially here. There are not expected unless the police irritate the people.

Discussion opened to-day in both houses of Parliament of the Government bill for electoral reform. The bill is regarded as weak and complicated. It does not satisfy any party, and least of all, does it meet the popular demand for the extension of the franchise.

The national strike, which will last only three days, is intended to show what may be expected if the popular demand is now frustrated.

To-day's opening of the national strike in all parts of Sweden was imposing, though quiet. The strikers are orderly. Nearly all trades are affected.

The gas supply will stop from to-morrow. The water supply, telephones, telegraphs, posts and railways have not yet been disturbed.

Shipping, however, has stopped in Stockholm, but not in all the towns. Almost all the factories have closed down. All drinking bars and retail stores are closed. The bakers have struck, but there is sufficient bread for three days.

BOER PEACE CONFERENCE.

Opportunity to Vote to Be Given to Men of the Commandos.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BRUSSELS, May 15.—The London correspondent of the *Cologne Gazette* says he is informed that the first business of the Boer peace delegates at a conference meeting will be to elect a committee to represent the individual delegates of the various groups. Then a vote will be taken on the main question in the following manner:

The individual delegates will not vote personally as plenipotentiaries, but will give a number of their men the opportunity, who will vote for or against surrender. Afterward the chief leaders will assemble in Pretoria and conduct the final negotiations.

CHINESE REBELS GET ARMS.

Hostilities in Several Cities—Rewards for Capture of Leaders.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PEKING, May 15.—The Customs Commission at Wuchow reports that the rebels are receiving arms from Peking. Hostilities continue at four or five of the principal cities from Szechow to Tonquin, but the people are friendly to the Government troops. The French are cooperating with the Chinese regulars along the Tonquin border.

The principal rebel leaders know that rewards have been offered for their capture. A thousand dollars has been offered for one of them.

CUNARD CO. NOT IN YET.

According to This Statement—Trust Up in Parliament Again.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 15.—The Daily Mail maintains, despite Mr. Balfour's announcement, that a contract between the American trust and the Cunard company does not exist yet.

It says that Mr. Morgan and Herr Bullin hold a controlling interest in the shares of the company, which the directors facilitated.

LONDON, May 15.—The opponents of the Atlantic shipping merger will raise the question of the combination in Parliament to-morrow on a motion that the House adjourn for the Whitsunday holidays.

POPE'S CORONATION DELEGATES.

Mr. Merry del Val, Who May Succeed Martinielli, One of Them.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ROME, May 15.—The Papal Commission to the coronation of King Edward has just been announced. It will consist of Mr. Merry del Val, who has been mentioned as a possible successor of Cardinal Martinielli at the Nunciature at Paris, and Count Orsini, of the Vatican Guard Nobles.

CAMORRA LIFEBOAT FOUND.

Belongs to British India Steamship Missing With 200 Passengers.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 15.—A despatch from Hongkong, British India, says a lifeboat from the British India steamship *Camorra*, which is missing with a passenger list of nearly 200 natives and a crew of ninety has been picked up.

Snow and Ice in England.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 15.—The most unreasonable weather is prevailing through Great Britain. The weather reports record snow in Birmingham and Yorkshire yesterday, and ice in the southern counties. There was a hail storm at Newmarket during the racing, and at midnight there was one degree of frost in London.

Transport Hovveto Rate.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERMUDA, Western Australia, May 15.—The transport *Bovveto*, which sailed for Darwin, Natal, East March, with a cargo of 1,000 horses and about one hundred men, in the crew and which was reported by a boat's crew which arrived here on May 10, has been lost for several days. It was towed into this port to-day.

President Loubet Uses Wireless Telegraph.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, May 15.—President Loubet, who is en route to Russia on the cruiser *Marcelin* to visit the czar, is communicating with different points along the coast by means of wireless telegraphy and occasionally by pigeon.

MISS HANNA TO WED IN JUNE.

Senator's Daughter Expected to Becoming a Bride in May.

CLEVELAND, May 15.—Miss Hanna will be married to Harry Parsons on Monday, June 10, at 3 P. M. by Bishop Leonard. The delay in the announcement gave rise to rumors that there would be no wedding in the Hanna family this year. There was only one reason for delay and that was that the bride wished for a June wedding.

Senator Hanna could not see his way clear to coming to Cleveland in June, and May 28 was considered as a possibility, as it would be in Cleveland to attend the State Convention. Miss Hanna did not wish a May wedding, however, and the Senator will doubtless be obliged to come to Cleveland on the day of the festivities and return to Washington the same evening.

The next date considered was June 14, which will be the anniversary of Miss Hanna's birth. This is the date of the marriage and of the day of the festivities.

Her brother, Dan R. Hanna, in this, the final date of June 14 was set. The wedding will be a most elaborate affair. Miss Hanna and Miss McCardy, sister and cousin of the bride, will act as bridesmaids. George F. Tugman of New York will be the best man. The bride couple will go to the Senate where Mr. Hanna owns a fine house, to remain until September. Only members of the two families will attend the wedding. There will be no reception.

"REVOLT" COPS LOSE PLACES.

Sent Back to Patrol Duty, They Say, Because They Went Ahead and Ralided.

Police Commissioner Partridge issued an order on Wednesday whereby Gottlieb Vosatka and James F. Neary, two plain clothes men in the West Thirtieth street station, were put back into uniform to do patrol duty. They were succeeded by George Trojan and David Bender. This was done upon the recommendation of Capt. Michael Fody.

Both were members of the second platoon which revolted on March 30. At the time of the revolt the policemen accused Capt. Fody's wardmen, Michael Brown, Seary and Sherwood, of tipping off the saloon keepers of the police interest. It was then that Commissioner Partridge ordered the four wardmen reduced to patrol duty and sent back their supervisors to be selected from the revolting platoon.

A week ago Vosatka and Neary, without consulting the captain, raided two alleged saloons in this city, and Neary said last night that this was the cause of their being reduced.

DR. WILLIAM T. HELMUTH DEAD.

Leading Exponent of Homeopathy and a Brilliant Surgeon.

Dr. William T. Helmuth, who had long been regarded as perhaps the leading exponent of the homeopathic school of medicine in this country, died in New York City last night at his home, 607 Madison avenue, of angina pectoris. Dr. Helmuth had suffered from this trouble at intervals for several years. The attack which caused his death began three days ago, but not until Wednesday afternoon was a fatal termination expected.

Dr. Helmuth was one of the speakers at the dinner of the New York Homeopathic Medical College Hospital a week ago, and was a member of the New York Homeopathic Medical Association. He was a brilliant surgeon and a leading exponent of the homeopathic school of medicine.

Dr. Helmuth was born in Philadelphia in 1833, and was educated at St. Timothy's College, Baltimore. He made Dr. W. S. Helmuth, who was one of the first homeopaths in this country, his mentor. He was a student of medicine, and became one of the foremost surgeons and homeopaths in the United States.

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PLANS OF CUBAN CONGRESS.

TO BE IN SESSION AFTER MAY 20 TO ARRANGE TREATIES.

Senate and House, in Joint Session, Formally Announce Palma's Election as President and He Accepts Office—Gen. Wood Thinks for His Services.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, May 15.—The Senate and House of Representatives met in joint session to-day and examined the credentials of the members of the Presidential and Senatorial colleges. The credentials were proclaimed correct and it was formally announced that Senor Palma had been elected President and Senor Esteveza Vice-President.

The Congress waited upon Gen. Wood and informed him of the election of Senor Palma as President. Senor Palma, President of the Senate, thanked Gen. Wood for his services to Cuba and expressed the gratitude of the Cuban people. The commission also visited Senor Palma and officially informed him of his election. Senor Palma accepted the office in a short speech.

Senor Palma said that he will appoint his secretaries to-morrow. There will be six of these, but it will be up to the Congress to decide as to what their duties will be. The Congress will remain in session after May 20, the date of Senor Palma's inauguration in order to enact the necessary laws governing the duties of the secretaries and also to arrange a treaty of relations with the United States and a commercial treaty.

Among the other matters that will be dealt with are the questions of sanitation, the rural guard and the police. It is claimed that there is some dissatisfaction over some of the proposed appointments of secretaries.

An order has been issued, vesting the jurisdiction of the customs service in the Secretary of Finance after May 20, subject to such modifications as may hereafter legally be made. It has also been ordered that upon the termination of the present military government, the district and general military government in the coasting trade of Cuba shall be abolished, and thereafter all Cuban vessels shall fly the flag of the republic.

A petition to Gen. Wood has been circulated among the members of the Senate and House, asking him to commute the sentence of death passed upon two men who are to be executed to-morrow. Clemency is asked for on the grounds that the men had been revolutionaries and that they had been executed for a crime which was not a capital offense.